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FBI contributions to NIE's and IAC generally

26 March 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR/INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Conversation with Mr. Papich, FBI

Mr. Papich and I met the afternoon of 25 March to discuss the recording of the coordination footnote now carried on our NIE's and SE's. A summary of the points covered during our conversation follows.

(1) Mr. J. Edgar Hoover believes that the footnote should more accurately reflect the special purpose basis of FBI participation in the IAC. The wording which Mr. Papich will check with him and which I have agreed to check with you would call for this statement:

"All members of The Intelligence Advisory Committee concurred in this estimate on (date). The FBI obtained the subject being outside of its jurisdiction."

(2) It was clear that this matter was of personal interest to Mr. Hoover and that he reflects a conservatism not prompted by his staff.

(3) Mr. Papich referred to a letter which Mr. Hoover will send to Mr. Dulles suggesting that the FBI not attend IAC meetings except on request. This letter is not in anyway related to the request for a change in the coordination footnote. It is a result of a routine annual review by the FBI of its activities. The FBI representatives attending the IAC meetings honestly feel that they are excess baggage.

(4) Mr. Papich agreed with me that it would not be practical to have the FBI attend only if called especially for a specific meeting for two reasons:

- a. Matters of interest to the FBI do come up for discussion at meetings which we cannot anticipate in advance and which do not necessarily relate directly to an estimate up for consideration.

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- b. Matters which CIA could not identify in advance as being of interest to the FBI have been brought out during the discussion of an estimate.

(5) Mr. Papish further agreed with me that even if matters of interest to the FBI came up only very infrequently, the intelligence community was in a stronger position before other government agencies, the Congress, and the public if this formal contact between the domestic and foreign intelligence services were maintained on a regular basis.

(6) Mr. Papish volunteered that the staff level at the FBI would not oppose closer participation with the IAC agencies in the production of estimates. He noted that Mr. Dulles, unwittingly or consciously with great finesse had in the last few IAC meetings drawn the FBI participant into the discussion. Papish seemed pleased with this.

(7) Finally, it seems to Papish, and to me, that whether or not the FBI continues to attend the IAC meetings regularly (rather than on an on-call basis) depends entirely on the willingness of Mr. Dulles:

- a. To persuade Mr. Hoover of the desirability of so doing or, in the event this fails,
- b. To get a directive to the FBI from higher authority making this representation mandatory. (In this latter case Mr. Hoover might consider his jurisdiction had been somewhat extended and might set up a special staff section to deal with these estimates more systematically.)

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